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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sun Ai Raillard, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/920,452

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: NUCLEOTIDE INCORPORATING ENZYMES

Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

Art Unit: 1631

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks and amendments. A petition for a two month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period of response from January 18, 2003 to March 18, 2003.